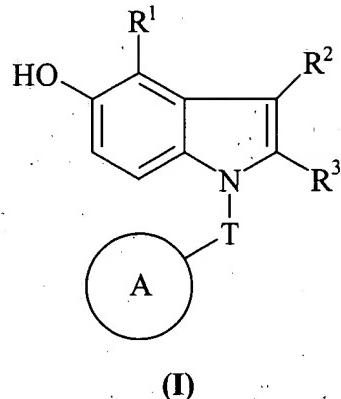


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Claim 1 (original): A compound of the formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

R¹ is hydrogen, halo or methoxy;

R² is hydrogen, halo, methyl, ethyl or methoxy;

R³ is carboxy, tetrazolyl or -CONHSO₂R⁴ where R⁴ is methyl, ethyl, phenyl, 2,5-dimethylisoxazolyl or trifluoromethyl;

T is -CH₂- or -SO₂-; and

ring A is 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl, 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl or 2,3-dichloropyrid-5-yl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

Claim 2 (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein ring A is 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl or 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl.

Claim 3 (original): A compound according to claim 2 wherein ring A is 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl or 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl.

Claim 4 (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein ring A is 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 2,3-dichloropyrid-5-yl or 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl.

Claim 5 (previously amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein T is -CH₂-.

Claim 6 (previously amended): A compound according to claim 1 where R³ is carboxy.

Claim 7 (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound of formula (I),

R¹ is hydrogen;

R² is hydrogen;

R³ is carboxy;

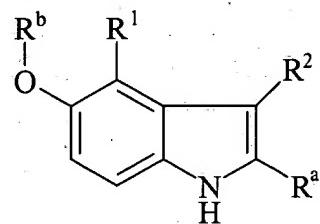
T is -CH₂-; and

ring A is 3,4-dichlorophenyl or 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl;

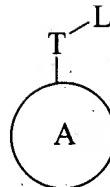
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A process for preparing a compound according to claim 1 which process comprises:

a) reacting a compound ~~eompounds~~ of formula (II):



where R^a is a group R³ as defined in claim 1 or protected form of a group R³, R^b is hydrogen or a hydroxy protecting group, and R¹ and R² are as defined in claim 1, with a compound of formula (III):



where T and ring A are as defined in claim 1, and L is a displaceable group; and thereafter optionally:

- i) removing any protecting groups; and/or
- ii) forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

Claim 9 (original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 7 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claims 11-17 (cancelled).